

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claim 5 in accordance with the following.

1. (ORIGINAL) A method of recording compatibility information on a recording medium, comprising:

providing a physical format information zone having a reserved zone; and recording extended part version information in the reserved zone of the physical format information zone, said recording of the extended part version information comprising recording a detailed extended part version comprising a primary digit in the reserved zone.

2. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the recording of the extended part version information further comprises recording a latest part version having recording compatibility with a recording/reproducing apparatus of a given specification level in the reserved zone.

3. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 2, wherein the recording of the extended part version information further comprises recording a latest part version having reproducing compatibility with the recording/reproducing apparatus in the reserved zone.

4. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 3, wherein the recording of the latest part version having recording compatibility with the recording/reproducing apparatus, and the recording of the latest part version having reproducing compatibility with the recording/reproducing apparatus, each further comprise recording a primary digit in the reserved zone.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 4, wherein the recording of the detailed extended part version, the recording of the latest part version having recording compatibility with the recording/reproducing apparatus, and the recording of the latest part version having reproducing compatibility with the recording/reproducing apparatus each further comprise recording a first sub-digit immediately after the ~~first decimal place~~ respective primary digit.

6. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 5, further comprising recording said primary digit, and said first sub-digit in the form of n.x.

7. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 6, wherein n represents a specification change, and x represents a specification change having no compatibility with the recording/reproducing apparatus.

8. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 7, further comprising recording non-extended part version information in an unreserved zone of the physical format information zone, wherein said non-extended part version information indicates that the extended part version information is recorded in a different location.

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